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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2001, Applicants responds as follows:

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-5 and 8-10, drawn to a method for detecting cancer in a subject comprising contacting a biological sample with an antibody that binds an epitope on a blood protein.

If the Examiner feels for any reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney will advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2230.

Respectfully submitted,

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